

Benton County Election Commission

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MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION

July 15, 2016

Election Commission members present: Chairman Russell Anzalone, John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak

Others present: Election Coordinator Kim Dennison, Sharon Rose, Serena Green, Deputy Clerk Tiffany Underwood

Media: No Media Present

Chairman Anzalone called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

Minutes:

Chairman Anzalone asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 28, 2016 minutes. There being none, Chairman Anzalone made a motion that the minutes be approved as submitted, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

- A. Certification of the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Special Election held July 12, 2016: Commissioners Anzalone reviewed the results for the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Special Election held on July 12, 2016. Chairman Anzalone asked for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to approve the Beaver Lake Volunteer Fire Department Special Election held on July 12, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

- B. Order to Establish Official Polling Locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 20, 2016: Commissioners Anzalone asked Election Coordinator Kim Dennison for discussion on the selection of polling locations. Kim stated that she contacted the school districts for their input on polling locations for the Annual School Election. The school districts responded with one (1) polling location, Southside Church of Christ located at 919 S. Dixieland Road in Rogers. Commissioner Sevak had concerns with not having a vote center opened for the rural areas. After a brief discussion, the commissioners agreed to add Lowell First Baptist Church in Lowell and NEBCO Community Building in Garfield as polling locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 20, 2016 for the rural areas. Chairman Anzalone stated that there would be five (5) polling locations available, and paper ballots only available on Election Day at the Election Commission Office located at 1204 SW 14th Street, Bentonville. There being no further discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept the Official Polling Locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 20, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- C. Order to Establish Early Voting Locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 20, 2016: Chairman Anzalone stated that the County Clerk's Offices in Bentonville, Rogers, and Siloam Springs would be the only early voting locations. He added that early voting would be September 13 – 19 during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Chairman Anzalone asked Commissioners Brown and Sevak for discussion. There being no discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to accept the Early Voting Locations for the Annual School Election to be held September 20, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- D. Order to Appoint Russell J. Anzalone, John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak as Election Officials to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Annual School Election to be held September 20, 2016: Chairman Anzalone made a motion to appoint Commissioners Russell J. Anzalone, John M. Brown, Jr., and Mike Sevak to Process, Count, and Canvass Absentee Ballots for the Annual School Election to be held September 20, 2016, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.
- E. Order Adding Bland Chapel (Rocky Branch) as Vote Center #41: Chairman Anzalone asked Commissioners Brown and Sevak for discussion on adding Bland Chapel (Rocky Branch) as Vote Center #41. Kim stated that adding Bland Chapel will help with the overflow in the Prairie Creek and War Eagle areas. There being no further discussion, Chairman Anzalone made a motion to add Bland Chapel (Rocky Branch) as Vote Center #41, seconded by Commissioner Brown. Motion carried by voice vote.

Other Business:

Kim explained to the commissioners how she could report updates during election night. Kim stated that the report would be slightly different, as it would look like the report that is posted to the Benton County website. Commissioner Sevak asked Kim for clarity on how the report would be different. Kim responded by explaining her procedure in producing the numbers to show totals for all absentee, early, and Election Day paper votes in one (1) column, and not have individual columns. Kim explained that the same process would be done with the votes from the IvoTronics, to include early votes. Kim stated that reporting in this manner would allow

several updates during the night. The commissioners agreed that several updates on election night would be helpful and thanked Kim for her clarification.

Public Comments:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Commissioner Anzalone made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Brown, Jr., Secretary
Prepared by Sharon Rose
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